

Entrances and Exits

by Rabbi Dorothy A. Richman

Entrances and exits can be the scariest and most difficult moments of our lives. Perhaps that is why the mezzuzah is such a powerful symbol: a sign of God's relationship with us, right there on our doorway, reminding us that we are not alone in our transitions between public and private worlds.

One of my all-time favorite pieces of Mishna (the collection of oral law edited by R. Yehuda haNasi around the third century) presents a model for entrances to and exits from holy places. When you know a place is special, and when you want to give it proper respect, what can you do to honor it in your comings and goings?

Mishna Berakhot 4:2:

Rabbi Nehunia haKana used to say two blessings when he entered and exited the Bet Midrash (House of Study). They asked him: What are these two blessings? What place do they have here? He answered them: When I enter the Bet Midrash, I say: "May it be Your will, God, that my actions raise no obstacle for others." And when I leave, I give thanks for my portion.

Rabbi Nehunia haKana's words guide me. When I entered Congregation Sha'ar Zahav as your Rabbinic Counselor and Consultant just over half a year ago, I prayed that my presence would not bring harm to the community. I prayed that my Conservative affiliation, relative inexperience and unresolved halachic (Jewish legal) understanding of gay marriage would not distance anyone from their spiritual community or heritage.

At this time, when I am leaving CSZ, I am filled with gratitude. I offer my thanks for the warmth, openness and dynamism of this community. I am grateful for the friends who have allowed me to share in their spiritual questions, journeys, simchas and challenges. I am

Hinukh Ha-mishpaklah: Family Education at Sha'ar Zahav

Education happens in shul and in the home. In order to strengthen the connection of our congregation's families to their Jewish identity and practice, we are developing a new family education program. We see the introduction of family education as a bridge between the learning that happens in the home and that which happens at shul. We want to foster collaboration among teachers, congregants, parents and children. Family education has the power to create family dialogue, and enhance family lives by making everyone a learner.

Starting this fall, Jeni Markowitz, Jewish Family Educator, will be creating inclusive programs at Sha'ar Zahav with these goals in mind. Our family educator will be involved in programs ranging from Baby Havurah to adult education, expanding the traditional models of family education. Let us know if you want to be involved, and be on the look out for the initiation of these exciting new programs.

Jeni Markowitz, Jewish Family Educator

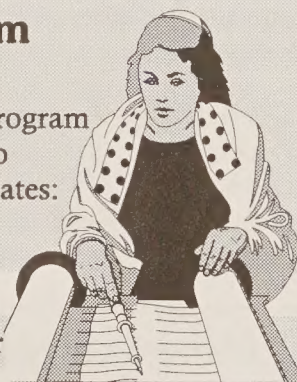
David Shneer, Director of Children's Education

Liz Schaffer, Chairperson, Children's Education Board

B'nai Mitzvah Mentorship Program Upcoming Workshop Dates

Remember, CSZ's new B'nai Mitzvah mentorship Program begins on May 30. Call Elise Fineberg at 861-6932 to sign up, and mark your calendars for the following dates:

- ▶ Tuesday May 30, 7pm-8:30pm Reading Hebrew
- ▶ Tuesday June 6, 7pm-8:30pm Torah 101
- ▶ Tuesday June 13, 7pm-8:30pm Navigating the Siddur
- ▶ Tuesday June 20, 7pm-8:30pm Working with Youth
- ▶ Tuesday June 27, 7pm-8:30pm The Mentor Experience



grateful for the classes in which I learned as I taught. I am grateful for the criticism I have received, which challenged me to grow. I am grateful for the CSZ model of lay leadership and involvement which should be recognized as an "or l'yehudim," a light unto other Jewish communities.

Congregation Sha'ar Zahav is a holy place. And as I leave, along with my thanks, I offer you a berachah, a blessing, that each member, each family and the community as a whole, be strengthened as you continue to live, study, pray, take comfort and struggle together in the presence of God.

Pride Parade

Not much can beat last year's CSZ Pride contingent – Joe Hample (bride in heels) and Greer Hauptman (groom in drag) under the rainbow chupah, marching down Market Street with the crowd joining in the chanting of Hava Nagila – but we're going to try! We need your ideas, fantasies and volunteer spirit to create yet another fantastic Jewish/gay presence in this year's Pride Parade, Sunday, June 25. To be a part of this once-a-year opportunity, call Dahlia at 575-4961.

Why Are These New Members Different From All Others? *By Marc Wernick*

Whether it is in the intimacy of Saturday morning Torah study, the community Kabbalat Shabbat singing, building the Sukkah or sharing Rabbi Richman's enthusiasm for learning, Gail Ludwig and Clarissa Kripke have become vital members of the CSZ community since moving to San Francisco last June.

Gail and Clarissa moved to California from the Washington, DC area so that Clarissa could pursue her dream job as a clinical professor in Family and Community Medicine at UCSF. As a family doctor, Clarissa realizes that healing is a spiritual practice. "Judaism helps me center on what is important and to bring spirituality in the face of the upheaval that is happening with health care today," she commented. Although Gail left her dream job back East, she has landed squarely on her feet doing charitable consulting. Gail and Clarissa both love the Bay Area.

With Shavuot around the corner, the theme for this month's four questions center on traditions associated with this major festival.

1. Shavuot marks the giving of the Torah by God to the entire Jewish people on Mount Sinai 3,307 years ago. In what ways is the Torah a gift to you personally?

Intergenerational Dialogue Part II

Building on the enthusiasm generated by CSZ's first intergenerational dialogue, the next dialogue will take place on Sunday, June 11, from 11 am until 2 pm. The topic for discussion will be "Our Jewish Identities: How does our relationship to Judaism vary across generations and sexual and gender identities?" These dialogues offer an excellent opportunity to enjoy the diversity of our members and to foster a greater sense of community at Sha'ar Zahav. Please join us for discussion, bagels and coffee at this pre-Pride event. For more information call Rose Katz (647-3579) or Dahlia Gross (575-4961).

Both Gail and Clarissa view Torah as a wonderful tool to question life. Gail comments, "Torah is a blueprint for life as we know it - what it has been, and what it will be. It is a celebration of life and how to live it." Clarissa comments that she learns something new every time she reads it. Both agree that the nuances of Torah teach us not to accept things at face value, but to probe for different and alternate meaning.

2. At Sha'ar Zahav, we follow the Hasidic tradition of studying all night. What subject would captivate your mind for an entire evening?

Gail and Clarissa tell a lovely story about some books that Clarissa discovered. "Through the phone book, we uncovered these two sisters - they spelled their last name k-r-y-p-k-a - but through our conversations we decided that we were definitely related and shared the same home town in Poland," recalled Clarissa. "They left Poland at the age of 12 and smuggled out these books. For years we have been struggling with their meaning," continued Gail. With great delight Gail and Clarissa described the object of their curiosity - these amazing books from the early 1800s, full of repentance prayers, wild pictures of the Lilith myth and a very strange script.

3. It is customary to read the Book of Ruth on Shavuot. Ruth embodies many of the wonderful feminine traditions that Judaism embraces. Which tradition historically associated with

the matriarchs do you find most meaningful?

Gail and Clarissa light the Sabbath candles every week. "For the first time in our lives together, we have a schedule that permits us to light the candles and have a Shabbos meal at home," Clarissa shared. "Since we are both tone deaf, we are gradually learning the tune for the prayer for lighting the candles. I know it is going to be an extra great Sabbath when we both remember and chant the same tune at the same time," quipped Gail. They find the ritual of lighting the candles heightens their awareness in welcoming the Sabbath and creating a special space for observing and respecting the day of rest.

4. Many congregations schedule Hebrew School graduations around Shavuot. What memories do you have of your Hebrew education?

Gail started Mechinah at the age of three at Har Zion in Radner, PA, where her mom was the secretary of the congregation. "Zum Gali Gali is the first song that I remember learning as a child," said Gail. She continued her religious education, completed grades Aleph through Hay, became a Bat Mitzvah and got involved in BBYO. By contrast, Clarissa started her formal Hebrew education as an adult and is about halfway through her studies to become a Bat Mitzvah.

We are pleased to have Gail and Clarissa as members of our community. Please join me in wishing them Hag Sameach and welcome.

With Acts of Loving Kindness

On Tuesday evening, April 4, Rabbi Richard Address, Director of the Department of Jewish Family Concerns of the UAHC, spoke to us about bikkur cholim and its necessary inclusion in a caring congregation. Taking care of each other, through bite-size acts of loving kindness is a mitzvah for everyone in the congregation. This contrasts the kehilah kedosha (the holy community) with the isolated secular world. The mitzvah must be democratized so that every member of the community of CSZ can be empowered to touch the life of someone else and heal the world. This theology of relationships directs us to do God's work. Our new bikkur cholim groups will look forward to the investment of all members - to care and give.

Israel Havurah

by Michal Goralsky,
Co-chair of the Israel Havurah

How did your friends react when you came out to them? What kind of challenges do you face as a gay parent? How do you find a place for yourselves in a religion that denounces you? If you keep changing the liturgy, what will be left? These were among the many questions that Ron Lezell, Neil Grungras and I were asked by a group of Israeli teenagers who came to CSZ as part of the Young Leadership Program, sponsored by the Bureau of Jewish Education.

I will admit to having been a little apprehensive about the whole thing when Dahlia first asked me if I would meet with a bunch of Israeli teens and talk to them about being a gay Jew. Having been an Israeli teen myself, I know how my friends and I reacted to homosexuality - I was prepared for the worst. Well, I couldn't have been more wrong.

These kids showed openness and understanding that were so moving to me. We talked about being Jewish and having community in general, then more specifically about our Jewishness and our community. We talked about the lack of Judaism in their lives (I'm not kidding...), gay and lesbian rights, parenting, children, oppression, marriage and just being OK with who you are. Oy! So much to talk about, so little time. I didn't want the hour to end and could have easily stayed for hours more, sitting in our circle, and talking and talking and talking.

Even though we barely scratched the surface of these intense and complex issues, I feel so fortunate to have been part of this dialogue with this next generation of Israelis.

Call for Submissions

Our Place at the Seder Table: an anthology edited by Kadimah teacher Caryn Aviv and CSZ's Director of Children's Education David Shneer, will explore the changes and challenges wrought by queer Jews who are active in American Jewish communities. How have queer Jews challenged or changed the policies and practices of established organizations? What have been the experiences of individual queer Jews who are "creating a place at the seder table"? What are the stories, struggles, and triumphs of queer Jews seeking to make established Jewish communities more inclusive and to create new forms of Jewish communities and institutions?

The editors are seeking first-person narratives and broader works of scholarly critical analysis. Combining memoir, narrative, historical analysis and "stories from the front lines" of queer Jewish communities, *Our Place at the Seder Table* will serve as the foundation for an emerging "Queer Jewish Studies."

Abstracts should be about 500 words, double-spaced and received no later than July 1, 2000. Please send an electronic version of your abstract to both

- ♦ Caryn Aviv at Caryn.Aviv@ucsfmedctr.org, and
- ♦ David Shneer at shneer@socrates.berkeley.edu.

Reform Community Shabbat

CSZ has long been affiliated with Judaism's Reform Movement. The Reform Movement is made up of several institutions, including the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC), the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR) and Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR). The Reform Movement has often publicly supported gay and lesbian people; most recently, of course, with CCAR's resolution recognizing that same-sex relationships are worthy of affirmation.

On June 16, you have the opportunity to celebrate Shabbat with other Reform Jews from our UAHC region. The service will be at 8 pm, at Congregation Sherith Israel, 2266 California Street at Webster in San Francisco. The service will feature a creative Shabbat liturgy led by Reform

Rabbis Michael Barenbaum, Alan Berg, Ari Cartun, Steven Chester, Helen T. Cohn, Evan Goodman, Stephen Kahn, Jay Miller, Gerald Raiskin, Martin Weiner, Gregory Wolfe, Bridget Wynne and Josh Davis Zweiback, and Reform Cantors Roslyn Barak, Devorah Felder-Levy, Martin Feldman, Ilene Keys, David Margules and Stephen Richards.

The service will be interpreted in American Sign Language by E.J. Cohen.

The sermon, entitled "Lift Up Your Heads: Visions of Western Reform Judaism in the 21st Century," will be delivered by Rabbi Sheldon Zimmerman, President of HUC-JIR.

For more information, contact the UAHC Pacific Central West Council office at 392-7080 x 20 or toll free at 888-756-8242.

A Non-Committee Committee

Help plan, organize and execute FUN events to attract new members to Congregation Sha'ar Zahav. No matter what you like doing, we can figure out a way to use your talents. And we hate meetings. Join the fun-making ad hoc group and help make CSZ a more vibrant and exciting community. For more information or to sign up, contact:

- ♦ Joe Hample (621-7675, HampleJ@WellsFargo.com),
- ♦ Marc Wernick (928-7883 mhwernick@aol.com), or the synagogue office.

East Bay Havurah

Friday, June 16, 7:15 pm

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Oakland Ca. 94602

For directions call Jeanette at (510/531-4885).

Sukkot in April a Roaring Success

By Laura Lowe, Co-Chair Social Action Committee



Peter Jacobs, Alex Ingersoll, Jeff Piade

April 30, 18 Sha'ar Zahav volunteers came to give her the assistance that she needed. We painted her



Dahlia Gross, Prudence Carter, Melanie Kushner, Laura Lowe, Clarissa Kripke

We looked like a mess at the end of the day. From our smiles you could tell that we had had a great time. We were covered with sweat and dirt. We had paint in our hair and all over our clothes. Our hands and backs were sore. I'm not describing a mud-wrestling tournament and I'm not describing a paint fight. It's just that our Sukkot in April volunteers looked like they had engaged in those activities by the end of the day.

Willie Mae Edwards, a retired homeowner, needed some help. On Sunday,

living room, kitchen, bathroom and hall. We weeded her backyard. We removed a broken fence and weeded the area in front of her house. We replaced light fixtures and put up new vertical blinds in the living room. And, of course, as it was a Sha'ar Zahav event, we ate. By the end of the day



Melanie Kushner

we had transformed Ms. Edwards' home.

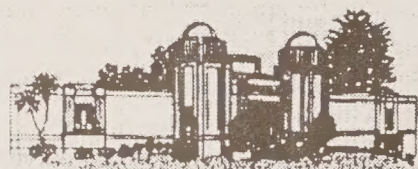
I would like to thank Victor Vasquez, our construction captain. Victor brought all of our supplies. Victor also had the lovely task of telling us what to do all day. I think that he enjoyed that part the most. I would also like to thank Prudence Carter, our chef extraordinaire. Prudence baked pasta pies, brought food and made our coffee. Prudence also signed people in and joined our weeding crew in between the rest of her work for us. Char O'Neil and Eileen Lynette made and delivered salad for our lunch. Peet's donated two pounds of coffee for our project. A special thank you goes to Dahlia Gross. Dahlia helped to organize every part of this event. In addition, I want to thank Eve Bernstein and Alex Gersznovicz. Our project was sponsored by their generous donations to Sukkot in April.

I would like to thank our wonderful volunteers: Gail Ludwig, Clarissa Kripke, Alex Ingersoll, Michael Schaffer, Ron Lezell, Melanie Kushner, Alex Davido, Johanne Quashnoffsky, Nina Raff, Peter Jacobs, Jeff Piade, Thomas Whiting, Marjorie Bennett and Kari Hovland. You all worked so hard and we really appreciate your efforts. The project could not have been a success without you.



Gail Ludwig, Ron Lezell

Finally I want to thank Willie Mae Edwards. She patiently watched as we descended on her home. She never even winced while we worked. Ms. Edwards was very happy with the results. We brightened up her home with our paint, our lights, our weeding and our hearts. Thanks to all who participated. You made it a great project.



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Va'ad Minutes

Arthur Slepian delivered the d'var torah on Parashat Mezora, which deals with the ritual cleansing of lepers. This episode in the Torah raises the question of how outcasts return to the community. He pointed to the time outside of the tent as a transitional period akin to sitting shiva - a ritual space which helps us to adjust to change and find spiritual healing. Arthur concluded that we would be worse off if this Torah portion weren't here to give us guidance in dealing with people who return to their communities, such as prisoners.

The minutes from the special Va'ad meeting will be added to the Rabbi Search Committee Report and not printed separately in the *Forward*. They will be approved for the permanent record at the next Va'ad meeting.

Ami Zusman gave the Membership Report. Three new households were unanimously approved for membership. Ami announced three recent resignations.

Membership Chair Joe Hample reported on CSZ 101, the four-part class introducing new members to CSZ. Joe concluded that it was a good first effort. He hopes for more focused presentations, more preparation, better advertising and more people to share the work load next time. The people who participated had very positive things to say about the experience and a by-product of the class is a tape of Friday night CSZ melodies available in the gift shop. The Va'ad complimented and expressed appreciation for Joe's excellent work and looks forward to the next CSZ 101.

Treasurer Arthur Slepian presented the second reading of the 2000-01 budget. Arthur first commented on current finances, noting that we still expect to close this year \$16,000 ahead without using the proposed \$20,000 fund transfer. He then presented the new budget. The effort to reduce the deficit has focused on increasing revenues. Expenses are mostly fixed with some

increase for cost of living adjustments, the return of a full-time rabbi, and some additional Kadimah staff.

The Finance Committee concluded that it is too late to propose any modifications to our current dues policy. One proposal, however, is to enhance dues compliance by educating members about their dues obligation. Of the additional dues money in the budget, \$38,000, more than half, assumes better dues compliance and increased dues resulting from the strong economy; the rest assumes an increased membership of approximately 30 households. Arthur emphasized the need for the Va'ad to help the Dues Committee reach this goal.

A second area of budgetary concern is Kadimah. Ruthy Talansky represented the CEB, stating that the CEB is committed to making its obligation under the budget, hoping to raise new revenues through a combination of additional grants and additional students. Va'ad members suggested that Kadimah look at how other religious schools balance tuition with overall expense. The Va'ad also discussed charging for programs provided to younger children. The Va'ad reiterated that CSZ would only charge, if at all, for programs falling into the new Family Education structure, and not for Baby Havurah or Tot Shabbat.

The third area of revenue increase is fundraising. This budget commits CSZ to raising \$25,000 for the general fund through fundraising. In the coming year, the Revenue Task Force will explore long-term solutions to our increased revenue needs. The new bottom line for the budget is a \$10,000 fund transfer leading to a balanced budget. The focus of the Va'ad will need to be on making \$38,000 in increased dues and \$25,000 in fundraising. The Va'ad approved the budget unanimously and expressed its appreciation to the Finance Committee.

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Please note that dates, times and locations sometimes get changed after the *Forward* is published. Call the office if you need updates.

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SHABBAT
	1 27 Iyyar	2 28 Iyyar	3 Shabbat Bamidbar 29 Iyyar
1209 office.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 pm - Adult Education Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 pm - New Siddur Discussion • 8:09 pm - Candle Lighting • 8:15 pm - Shabbat Services led by Sarita Groisser and Ruth Schoenbach 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:15 am - Torah Study • 10 am - Shabbat Services led by Leslie Kane and Rabbi Richman • 1-2:15 pm - Meditation Havurah • 3 pm - Singing Havurah
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11 Sivan	15 12 Sivan	16 13 Sivan	17 Shabbat Nasoh 14 Sivan
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18 Sivan	22 19 Sivan	23 20 Sivan	24 Shabbat Behalotecha 21 Sivan
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25 Sivan	29 26 Sivan	30 27 Sivan	1 Shabbat Shelach 28 Sivan
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:30 pm - Ritual Committee Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:15 pm - Shabbat Services led by Tiela Chalmers and Dev Felder Naily • 8:19 pm - Candle Lighting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:15 am - Torah Study • 10 am - Shabbat Services • 1-2:15 pm - Meditation Havurah • 3 pm - Singing Havurah
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Shavuot - Why Be Chosen?

by Nina Wouk for the Ritual Committee

On Shavuot, we reenact receiving the Torah, our purpose as a people. The celebration carries us, joyously, imaginatively and spiritually, into our national heritage of being the chosen people. This concept of chosenness makes many of us uncomfortable with good reason. The positive side of chosenness is our mission, the completion of an imperfect creation. Its shadow side is also a grim part of our evolutionary heritage: group competition and group selection.

Having a mission can cause discomfort. Not all of us conceive of God as an entity that has, or expresses, a will. As our history of bloody victimization shows, distinction can be dangerous. History also shows that if we were chosen at all, it was not due to any particular aptitude for virtue. Nor has the Jewish way of life always been in every way better than every other. Yet Shavuot demands that we feel honored to be singled out, commanded to a way of life that is in some way superior. Shavuot, which separates us as a group from every other group, forces us to confront group selection.

History also shows that if we were chosen at all, it was not due to any particular aptitude for virtue. Nor has the Jewish way of life always been in every way better than every other.

Nicholas Thompson, evolutionary psychologist, considers group selection one of the great origins of evil. He investigated how the genetic basis for war, an activity likely to kill its participants, could have been preserved. Clearly, the genes that promote risk-taking would have to be carried and passed on by many members of any group that preserves them, not just by those most likely to express those genes by charging an enemy and dying young. Did such conditions ever prevail in human history? Thompson uses the Torah as an example of such times: it promotes high cohesion within a group that expects to be at war with many surrounding groups.

Thus one modern scientist confronts the problem with which the Torah itself begins. Rashi explains the entire

book of Genesis and the beginning of the book of Exodus as justification of God's right to give away both the land of Israel and the laws threaded through the rest of the Torah. But the beginning of our story does more. It presents the group-selection problem that God tries to solve through choosing human beings to receive those laws.

The very first parashah of the Torah makes it clear that God never intended to have to choose anyone. Creation is good and the first humans are very good. They are set in the Garden of Eden, to tend it, be fruitful and multiply, fill the earth and subdue it. The entire human race appears to start out united, children of the same parents.

After the first Shabbat, God returns to find the humans changed, conscious of death, of moral choice, of having done wrong. Rather than kill them, God gives them new, harsh instructions for a difficult life of conscious decisions.

Human history begins with exile and precedes to violent competition. Cain

jealously thinks of killing his brother Abel. God tries to change Cain's mind but fails. After the murder, God, perhaps feeling responsible, spares him.

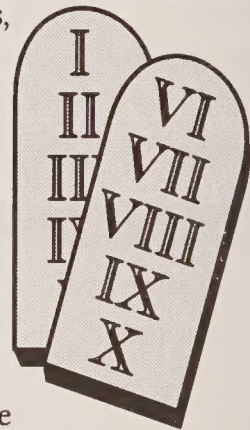
Kings and kingdoms rise. Edged weapons are invented. God once more becomes discouraged. Nevertheless, when on-going violence makes it seem necessary to wipe out the entire world in a flood, one family is left to begin again, with new, more detailed instructions. Noah's family begins the new world with drunkenness, violence and cursing. Still, God waits ten generations before taking action. This time, the action is not destructive. God has accepted the flawed nature of the human race, admitting that the human heart devises evil from birth. The most obvious signs of this evil are violence, jealousy, theft, competition first

among individuals and then, as the world becomes more populous, among groups. Thus the Torah confronts the evolutionary problem.

God, having observed many proliferating generations, no longer expects a quick solution to humanity's inbred destructiveness and divisiveness. A single simple set of instructions clearly is not adequate to the many impulses that arise in the human heart. It is plain that each generation requires new interventions. The human world has become like a computer full of corrupt code. God's solution is to design a long-running, adaptable, self-perpetuating debugging program: the descendants of Abraham and Sarah. When there are enough of these to begin the job, God brings them to Mount Sinai to receive the first of many installments of instructions for living. This is the mythic event that Shavuot celebrates.

The Torah tries to keep us from overrating our distinction, defining that distinction as God's last resort. It tries to keep us from despair by showing that even God has no instant solution for human nature. Lest we feel too proud, it shows us our relative lack of success in maintaining harmony within our own group, much less spreading it throughout the world. Yet this is part of the Torah's genius, to try to turn group selection against itself and to depict God using one group to restore the long-broken unity of the human race.

Other peoples, pursuing their own revelations, may well be on equally vital paths to the same goal. The uniqueness of our heritage is the way our ancestors' myths make explicit the purpose and context of our revelation. If we are of no more value than anyone else, the Torah tells us that our uncompleted work is of ultimate value.



Va'ad Minutes

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Lea Salem gave the Administrator's Report. Photos of Va'ad members will be taken at the Congregational meeting. Chemista Jacobs is our new janitor. Shabbat Across America brought in 80 people, 40% of whom were non-members. Lea pointed out the new Welcome Corner for greeters which is now available for schmoozing with new people. We will have Israeli dancing at the oneg, on the first Friday of every month. Rabbi Richman leaves around Shavuot. A security and disaster plan is currently being developed. Once it is accepted, we will need to do security and disaster training and preparation. A recent building inspection has pointed out some additional building needs such as Braille signage. The reconvened Bikkur Cholim Committee has been doing great work. Much appreciation to those committee members and to the people who have taken leadership in that committee.

David Gellman delivered the President's Report. David will put together a committee to plan Rabbi Angel's installation. Claudia Bernard is leading the way in putting together this year's Advance, which will be held August 4-6.

We sang Oseh Shalom and went home.

Great Books

Are you interested in learning more about Jewish texts and literature? If so, join us at Sha'ar Zahav's Great Books class. This class focuses on different aspects of Jewish study ranging from Mishnah to Yiddish tales and will encourage you to explore Jewish writings as well as provide you with a greater understanding of the art of study which has been embraced by Jewish communities for centuries. This is an ongoing class, facilitated each month by a different instructor. Feel free to come by and check it out; it's open to all who are interested.

Next Great Books class will be on Monday, June 19, 7:30-9:30 pm at CSZ and will be taught by Shachar Pinsker on the *Sotah*, the woman who is suspected by her partner of adultery. We will look at Biblical and Mishnaic texts as well as modern commentary. Complete packets are available in the main office. Please call Dahlia Gross for more information, 575-4961.

Members' Yahrzeits

- 2 Mark Feldman
- 8 Robert Nehemiah Mackey
- 9 Duff Kreitzberg
- 14 Mirtha Beal
- 16 Richard Rath
- 17 Joe Zygielbaum
- 20 Bill Valentine

A New Tradition?

This year's first night of Passover found 20 women, lounging on pillows and Kadimah-sized chairs, in the oneg room. Young and old, members, non-members and members-to-be, all had one thing in common – a search for spirituality in a first night seder without too much preparation. The answer was a potluck with the spiritual aspect coming from our gathering and from a feminist Hagadah. Many warm thanks to all the women who participated in the seder and slaved over the stove and/or stopped at Bi-Rite on the way over. Next year at another potluck seder!



Tot Shabbat

Tot Shabbat is a group for children aged 2-5 years, their friends and families. We meet the fourth Saturday of every month, 10:30 am at CSZ, to pray a bit, nosh, do crafts and shmooze. If you are interested in participating, please call Dahlia Gross at 575-4961 or just show up at our next gathering, June 25.

Saturday, June 25, 10:30 am at CSZ - Preparation for the Pride Parade, "It's About Freedom." Join Tot Shabbat in a celebration of freedom and help make a banner to represent CSZ kids and families.

Bakayitz: Summer Hebrew Program

Sha'ar Zahav is proud to introduce a new summer Hebrew program for all of those families who want to keep up their Hebrew skills through the long summer holiday. We will offer monthly Hebrew programs on the third Saturday morning of every month from 9:30 am-noon, our usual Kadimah meeting time. The program will be less traditional and will involve more games, art, music and Israeli dance. Our own Sandra Vakinin is preparing a Hebrew workbook to accompany our monthly activities.

Where:

Congregation Sha'ar Zahav

When:

June 17, July 15, August 19

Cost:

\$30 for all three sessions and the workbook

All of our teachers highly encourage families to participate in the program because foreign language acquisition is much more successful with regular practice and review.

We are taking enrollment for our monthly summer Hebrew program, *Bakayitz*, through June 10.

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Haroset Recipe

As served at the Sha'ar Zahav Congregational Seder.

From a Sephardic recipe adapted by Prudence Carter and made by Prudence and Ron Edelman, Adult Ed co-chairs.

Serves about 20.

1 cup walnuts

1/4 cup sliced almonds

1/2 cup raisins

1/2 cup pitted Medjool dates, coarsely chopped

1/4 cup kosher Concord grape wine.

2 heaping tablespoons dried cranberries

2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice

2 tablespoons fresh lime juice

1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Place almonds and walnuts in oven in separate pie tins to toast, about 6 minutes for the almonds and 10 minutes for the walnuts, shaking occasionally, until lightly browned. Let cool.

Combine fruit, wine, juices and cinnamon in a bowl and let soak for at least 15 minutes until fruit softens and plumps.

In a food processor, coarsely chop walnuts, add fruit and liquid and pulse until a very coarse puree forms. Add juice and wine if more liquid is needed. Fold sliced almonds into mixture. Refrigerate at least 1 hour.

Multiply recipe by 10 for the Congregational Seder.

In Memory of Paul Nemrow

To everyone at CSZ who has been so very generous both in spirit and time, and most generous with their donations - we thank you all from the bottom of our hearts. You have made us feel like family. Much love to you. *Dr. and Mrs. Irving Nemrow.*

Yizkor Elohim

Norma Faini-Pick
September 5, 1937-April 24, 2000

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Bikkur Cholim: If you or a friend who is a member of Sha'ar Zahav is ill in the hospital or at home, and would like to have a member of the Bikkur Cholim Committee call or visit, please notify the synagogue office.

Member of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the World Congress of Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Jewish Organizations.

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Norma Faini-Pick.

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Allan Berenstein, in memory of Ron Gertz.

Bikkur Cholim Fund

Michele Sullivan, in memory of Marion LeMeteyer.

Valerie Joseph, in honor of Robin Leonard's being accepted to Hebrew Union College.

Allan Berenstein, in memory of Doug Porter.

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Lyssa Friedman and Daphne Stuart, in honor of the birth of Liam, Johanna and Sydney Klaiman.

Press-Becker family, in memory of Martin Becker.

Leslie Kane and Manny Fishman, in honor of the wedding of Nicole Bloom and Sue Swigart.

Allan Berenstein, in honor of the birth of Johanna, Sydney and Liam Klaiman.

Phyllis and George Mintzer, in memory of Meyer Mintzer.

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Phyllis and George Mintzer, in appreciation of the CSZ staff.

Richard Sinkoff, in memory of Roslyn Sinkoff.

Press-Becker family, in memory of Reuven Closter.

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Gabriel Speyer.

James Carlson, in honor of Kyle West's entrance into the Covenant.

The Newsletter Committee, in honor of Robin Leonard's and Tory Weiser's many years of dedicated service to CSZ.

Michael Weissman, in honor of Sheldon Weissman.

Jeff Sherman, in memory of Reva Sherman.

Maxine Epstein and Geraldine Barr, in honor of Rabbi Eric Weiss's being named Executive Director of the Bay Area Jewish Healing Center.

Jim Frazin, in memory of Morris Shapiro.

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Steve Elman and Tom Holt, in honor of Edward Pollock's special birthday.

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Lonnie Weiss, in honor of Rabbi Dorothy A. Richman and Dahlia Gross.

Mishkan Dolores Capital Campaign

Sarita Groisser, in memory of Jason Gaber.

Jonathan Pannor and Mike Watenpaugh, in honor of the commitment ceremony of Susan Lubeck and Richard Weiner.

Sarita Groisser, in appreciation of Randy Weiss for organizing and performing the Chamber Concert Series.

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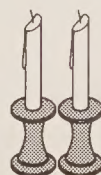
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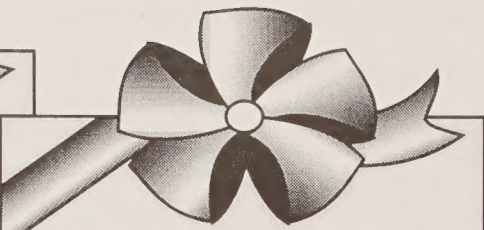
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June Birthdays

- 1 Donald Abrams
- 2 Lisa Feldstein
Nina Wouk
- 3 Hayden Houser
- 4 Hanya Barth
Lea Salem
Ora Prochovnick
- 5 Rick Crane
Katie Gulley
Gregory Ramos
- 6 Ma'ayan Barr Epstein
Adina Barr Epstein
Marsha Blachman
- 7 Heidi Biegel
- 8 Marianne Balin
Brian Besser
Daniel Sadlier
- 9 Barbara Becker
Laura Lowe
Glenn Shor
- 10 Claudia Bernard
Daniel Chesir
Rose Katz
- 11 Annie Winters
- 12 Susan Simpson
- 15 Steven Wiesner
- 16 Michael Hockman
Christopher Hornby-Finch
Nancy Levin
Monica Levin
Shayna Prochovnick
- 17 Adam Bellm Kahn
Pieter de Haan
- 18 Susan Lubeck
- 19 James Cohen
Michal Goralsky

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- 20 Susan Mizner
Larry Wexler
 - 21 Leyna Bernstein
Eileen Levy
Richard Sinkoff
 - 22 Sarita Groisser
Margaret Rossoff
Marc Wernick
 - 23 Deborah Agre
Alexandra Fisher
Louis Hirschmann
 - 25 Dyan Dreisbach
Steve Weiner
 - 26 Marc Lipschutz
 - 27 Amanda Littauer
 - 28 Garry Bernhardt
Lisa Katz
 - 29 Emma Buchbinder
Eve Meyer

CSZ Passover 2000

Once again CSZ hosted over 150 people for the second night of Passover. We have been able to hold this celebration each year at the Fort Mason Officer's Club, thanks to CSZ member Mike Rankin. Many thanks also to Daniel Chesir and Sarita Groisser, Ritual Committee members, who facilitated the seder with the help of Aaron Nacamulli, Aaron Goldman-Maclachlan and Rebecca Reiner, our three youngest who so beautifully sang the Mah Nishtanah (Four Questions).

At CSZ, the success of all of our programs is due largely to our volunteers. Todah rabah to our Membership and Greeter Corps: Joe Hample, Lonnie Weiss and James Carlson; to Laura Lowe for managing the last minute check-ins and seat change requests; to Ron Edelman and Prudence Carter for making an enormous amount of haroset (recipe on page 10); to

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The Fiction Connection

The Fiction Connection, our book group focused on gay and/or Jewish fiction, invites you to join us for reading and discussion. For the June meeting, the book is Andrew Holleran's classic, *Dancer From the Dance*, for July, P.D. Zimmerman's *Outburst* and August, Allegra Goodman's *Kaaterskill Falls*. *Dancer From the Dance* has become a classic of gay literature though it is only 20 years old. It was among the first group of openly gay novels to be acclaimed by the straight literary establishment. Here is the wild, exciting and yet all too human gay world of the 70s. At turns comic, at turns sad, it's all too true.

Outburst is a gay mystery, set in Minneapolis and well received as both a work of mystery and of gay fiction. *Kaaterskill Falls* follows the lives of an Orthodox Jewish community that settles in upstate New York. With tenderness, irony and understanding, Goodman presents the interplay among the very observant Jews, the not-so-observant Jews and the old Yankee families of the area.

For information on dates and time, contact Bill Goldstein at 510/793-4283.

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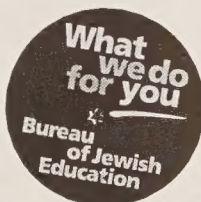
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Max and Chemista for preparation and set-up; to Tony Harris and Mark Gershman and the Fort Mason staff who arranged seder tables just like home; to the CSZ staff Lea, Melanie and Dahlia, for all the small and not-so-small details; and finally to Harold Rosen for finding the Afikomen, for without him, the seder could not have proceeded.

All CSZ events need volunteers like you to make them happen. Join our volunteers now and make a difference in our congregation!

June Anniversaries

- 1 David Klein and Robert Senter
- 2 Beth Ross and Laura Trupin
Lillian Schaechner and Elaine Weissman
- 7 Stephanie Godt and Ellen Novogrodsky
- 9 Joseph Hample and Raineres Susbilla
- 10 Steven Diller and Ira Johnson
Frank Yellin and Mark Showalter
- 13 Dan Bellm and Yoel Kahn
- 16 Lisa Ochs and Lea Salem
- 18 Eric Weiss and Dan Alpert
- 19 Dana Vinicoff and Sarah Peterson
- 21 Shelley Samuels and Robin Dubner
- 24 Lyssa Friedman and Daphne Stuart
- 25 Shelley Adler and Nancy Showen
Suzanne Bojdak and Debra Yates
Beth Rubin and David Wish

Naches

To **Aaron Goldman-Machlachlan** on receiving a gold medal in the San Francisco Unified School District Language Olympics.

To **Mark Miller and Lida Pejman** on their wedding.

To **Howard Steiermann** on receiving the Lloyd W. Dinkelspiel Young Leadership Award from the Jewish Community Federation.

To **Virginia Donohue and Mark Klaiman** on the birth of their triplets, Johanna Rose, Sydney Marie, and Liam Samuel Klaiman.

To **Rebecca Doctors** on her admission to Brown University and being named a National Merit Scholar finalist.

To **Margaret Crow Rosenfeld, Jonathan Rosenfeld and Arno Crow Rosenfeld** on the birth of Mia Gabriella and Zola Ariella Crow Rosenfeld.

To **Kyle West** on his entrance into the covenant.

To **Ashley Kreisel** on her entrance into the covenant.

To **Smokey Cormier** on her entrance into the covenant.

To **Lida Pejman** on her entrance into the covenant.

To **Ishai (Mike) Begley** on his re-entrance into the covenant.

To **Robin Leonard** on being awarded a Wexner Fellowship.

To **Walter Leiss** on his retirement.

Oneg & Flower Sponsorship

These generous people sponsored the Oneg Shabbat and/or flowers in recent weeks:

5/5 Oneg by **Kyle West** in honor of his entrance into the covenant.

5/6 Oneg by **Leslie Kane, Manny Fishman and Shmulik Fishman** in honor of Kadimah's leading services.

5/12 Oneg co-sponsored by **Alice Prussin** in honor of Smokey Cormier's entrance into the covenant and **Ashley Kreisel**, in honor of both of their entrances into the covenant.

5/19 Oneg by **Sharyn Saslafsky** in honor of the Rabbi Search Committee.

Special thanks to **David Maltz** who is generously sponsoring flowers for one service a month through the calendar year.

Condolences

Eileen Levy on the death of her aunt, Dotty Wilens.

Ann Biderman on the death of her father, Max Biderman.

Robert Cohen on the death of his partner, Doug Porter.

Brian Jersky on the death of his friend, Leon Boolkin.

Deborah Udin on the death of her friend, Camille Templeton.

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IN NEED OF HOUSING. I am moving to SF from DC in late June. Looking for a room in a house or a house sitting opportunity beginning July 1. I have local references and I also know past CSZ member Scott Mezistrano. I have been a member of Bet Mishpachah in DC for 6 years. Please call me 202/544-3279 or e-mail drachleff@yahoo.com.

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ARE YOU PLANNING A VACATION THIS SUMMER: Do you need a housesitter or a petsitter or do you just want to help out CSZ's former program director who is now in Rabbinical school and wants to come back to San Francisco for the summer? My partner and I need housing between approximately June 10-August 20 in San Francisco. Contact Renee Bauer at Reneehb@aol.com or 215/731-1860 to see if we can make a deal or you have any leads.

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